

### **REMARKS**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 20, 2010. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1, 5-7, 13, 19 and 25-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5-7, 13, 19 and 25-30 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 7 and 26-28 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter.

#### **Claim Objections**

Claims 25-28 are objected to because of informalities. Applicants have amended claim 2 to address the issues raised by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

#### **Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101**

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the Examiner suggests the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, Applicants have amended claim 7 in a manner consistent with a recent PTO notice regarding computer-readable medium claims. Accordingly, Applicants believe claim 7 is limited to statutory subject matter and respectfully request, therefore, that this rejection be withdrawn.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1, 5, 6, 13, 19, 29, and 30 are allowed.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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Respectfully submitted, and  
**S-signed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.4,**

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